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- ☒ Comments on Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanying the Notice of Allowance. However, the Examiner has underlined, for emphasis, certain language extracted from claims 1 and 28, while also noting that "the prior art of record does not suggest or disclose the claimed combination of method steps or circuit elements" (emphasis original). Since the Examiner has indicated that the reason for allowance is the totality of the claimed combinations, it is inappropriate and confusing for only selected portions of claims 21 and 28 to have been underlined for emphasis. Applicant does not accept or acquiesce in the underlined portion of the claims having any significance. As originally stated by the Examiner, it is the claimed combination that has been allowed and that is not suggested or disclosed by the prior art of record. The Examiner's underlining of claim language is not understood or accepted to suggest that such portion is the only part of either claim 21 or 28 not suggested or disclosed in the prior art of record. Such a reading would be inconsistent with the

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Examiner's introductory statement. Applicant accepts only the proposition that these claims were allowed because, as a whole, they are neither disclose nor suggested by the prior art.

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